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## WHITE STAR LINER ARABIC IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE; MANY MAY BE LOST

### TEXTILE PLANT IS TIED UP; CORSET WORKERS THREATEN STRIKES IN MANY PLANTS

Practically Every Department of Salt's Textile Co. Forced to Suspend Operation, in General Walkout of Operatives Who Want Shorter Hours And Abolition of the Objectionable Two Loom System.

#### COMPANY'S STATEMENT TO PRESS INCLINED TO BE CONCILIATORY

Girls in Many Corset Plants on Verge of Strike If Eight Hour Day is Not Granted, Along With Concessions Given Warner Bros. Co. Operatives—Strike on At Star Shirt Co.—Bridgeport Screw Co. Employees Walk Out.

Virtually every worker of the Salt's Textile Manufacturing Co. had left the factory this morning, with the chief grievance the recent installation of the two-loom system.

Girls in two of the largest corset factories of the city quit working at their machines, waiting to learn if they will receive the same concessions granted in the Warner Bros. Co.

The boys and men at the Bridgeport Screw Co., walked out of the factory at 2 o'clock this afternoon in a body.

The American & British Co. and the Standard Manufacturing Co. were said by their employees to have granted the eight hour day.

The girls in the Star Shirt Co. stopped work this afternoon with the information that they are waiting until they see if their pay and working hours to be adjusted advantageously.

Arrangements were made today for instituting the campaign against the American Chain Co.

The general laundry strike was averted when every big laundry in the city gave the girls what was agitated for.

All the girls who went on strike at Warner's returned this morning with smiles. This afternoon however, three girls did not return to the factory and they said promises had not been kept.

The strike at the Salt's Textile Co. is a great one. Nearly 1,200 are out. Of these 400 girls and about 300 men went out yesterday and the rest left this morning about 8 o'clock. The operation of the factory was crippled. Half the strikers are girls and half men.

This morning a few were left in the shear department, the dye house and the wash room. These dribbled out later. The winders, warpers, batting department hands and machinists all left.

The strikers went to Sadler's hall and held a mass meeting. There they were addressed by persons of various nationalities because many nationalities were represented.

C. O. MacMahon of the United Textile Workers of America arrived here this morning to take charge of the organization. "The outlook is a good one," he asserted. "The strikers are well organized and we expect they will get what is wanted."

A committee met this afternoon at 3 o'clock to draw up the demands, which will be presented as soon as they are ready. The abolition of the two-loom system, which is a "single operation" efficiency experiment, a 25 per cent increase in wages, the eight hour day, the recognition of a grievance committee, no discrimination against active persons in the strike movement and no discrimination against a union employee, are asked.

Harold Jowett, manager of the Salt's Co., indicated this afternoon that any thing in reason will be granted. The company issued the following statement:

August 19th, 1915.  
Our employees have gone out but have made no demands upon us as to hours or wages.

Our position in regard to the matter of wages is that we are willing and anxious to pay as high rates of wages as any of our competitors are paying and we say now as we have said in the past that if any of our operatives can show that on any article we are paying less wages than our competitors or even the highest of our competitors, we will gladly readjust our wages to said higher rate.

Regarding hours of labor, our position is the same. We personally do not care what the hours of labor are, providing only and always that they are the same as the hours of labor of our competitors and if our competitors will accept the shorter day we will gladly accept it for our operatives but we cannot be expected to work 48 hours with all our competitors working as they are now, 54 to 58 hours per week, as we are competing in the same market.

The feeling between our operatives and the firm has always been

### HURRICANE DEATH TOLL IS GROWING

Number of Victims Now Estimated at Between 200 and 400—Property Damage is Much Heavier Than First Thought.

Sea Wall Saves Galveston From Complete Devastation—Dredge Goes Down and Schooner With Refugees is Missing.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 19.—With information from Galveston and other points on the Texas, southeast gulf coast slowly sifting through, it seemed certain early to-day that the terrible tropical storm of this week had cost a small loss of life compared with the storm of 1900, and that the destruction of property in the city of Galveston at least, was considerably less.

The total number of lives lost, so far definitely reported, was about two hundred, although a newspaper man who reached San Antonio from Galveston and Houston to-day estimated the total at four hundred.

The damage in Galveston, this week, based upon some reports, was placed at \$3,000,000, with the loss of fourteen lives. Other estimates placed the damage at \$10,000,000. In 1900, eight persons met death and the property loss reached \$15,000,000.

Reports were that the Galveston sea wall was largely responsible for saving the city from a worse fate than it suffered 15 years ago.

In addition to the reports totalling more than one hundred dead in Texas City, Galveston, Virginia Point and other communities, advices from Beaumont, say that the fifty-six persons were lost when the dredge Sam Houston went down in Galveston Bay.

It also reported that the dredge San Jacinto with a crew of fifty and a tug are missing and believed lost. Thirty persons who boarded a steamer at Port Bolivar, light house are thought to have perished.

When the vessel broke from her moorings and drifted into the gulf, according to refugees at Beaumont from Port Bolivar.

There were various reports of missing persons throughout the devastated zone and in all probability the list of dead of these places will be increased to a small degree at least.

Next to Galveston the greatest property loss reported was at Houston, where the damage was said to total \$2,000,000.

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### STRICK BY TORPEDO NEAR SPOT WHERE LUSITANIA WENT DOWN, LINER AFLOAT ONLY 11 MINUTES

London, Aug. 19.—The White Star Liner Arabic was torpedoed and sunk today by a German submarine off Fastnet, a small island four miles southwest of Cape Clear, Ireland.

It is feared that a large number of the passengers and crew—numbering 410 in all—have been lost. White Star Line officials, still without definite news, are hopeful that most of them were rescued.

Struck at 9:15 o'clock, the Arabic sank in 11 minutes. She went down near the spot where the Lusitania was torpedoed and sunk.

### GEORGIA PLANS DEEP PROBE IN FRANK LYNCHING

Large Rewards Will Be Offered For Information Regarding Leaders.

FRANK'S BODY TAKEN TO HOME IN BROOKLYN

Few Curious Gather Before House Where Funeral Will be Held Tomorrow.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 19.—Governor Harris planned to confer with the members of the state prison commission today relative to steps to be taken for the arrest and conviction of members of the mob which lynched Leo M. Frank. This conference was to be the first actual step on the part of the state officials to place the blame for the hanging.

All three members of the prison commission were at Milledgeville, where the Georgia prison farm is located, on Monday night, last, when Frank was abducted. Chairman R. E. Davidson has said he believes none of the officers at the farm are to blame for the action of the mob.

Under Georgia law the Governor can offer a maximum reward of \$500 for each arrest and conviction.

"I probably will do this," said the Governor. "The abduction of the state's ward, and his subsequent lynching will be fully inquired into."

Governor Harris also announced that he expected to issue a statement sometime today on the lynching. He said he had received many letters and telegrams from outside the state asking what action would be taken by the state and urging that a complete investigation be made.

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### BROWN, COUNTY SEALER, LEAVES POLICE BOARD

Stanley, Remington Purchasing Agent, Slated To Succeed Him.

William H. Brown, who was recently chosen county sealer of weights and measures resigned today as a member of the police commission.

Commissioner Brown gave as reason for resigning that official duties as sealer of weights and measures for the county and his private business prevented him giving the time necessary to the discharge of his duties as police commissioner.

John C. Stanley, purchasing agent at the Remington Arms-U. M. C. Co., who lives at 634 Laurel avenue in the Fifth district is said to be slated for the place. Mr. Brown has served one term as a police commissioner and was reappointed by Mayor Wilson in January of this year to serve another two year term.

The mayor said today he would accept Commissioner Brown's resignation.

Lost Four Years  
Old Boy Returned to Fairfield Home

Missing since yesterday noon, when he wandered away from his aged guardian, John Walker, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, of Hollywood avenue, Fairfield, was returned to his parents by the Bridgeport police at daylight today.

Little John had quite an evening of it, and was picked up in the West End by Joseph Lomitzer. He tearfully awaited his parent's arrival this morning. The parents were almost distracted with grief until notified this morning that their child had been found.

The lad's guardian, Mrs. Ertmond, in her search for him yesterday came lost near Lexington. He is 58 years old and was taken to her home by a nearby resident.

Fines Lodging House  
Keeper For Beating Dissatisfied Guests

A fine of \$10 and costs was imposed upon Joe Filimone, keeper of a lodging house at 515 Water street, by Judge Frank L. Wilder in City court today, arraigned on the charge of assaulting Alec Scalse and William Smith, both roomers at the lodging house.

The assault was provoked by the guests complaining about their beds not being made up when they were about to go to bed Tuesday night. The argument was repeated yesterday afternoon with the result that Filimone attacked Scalse and Smith with the leg of a chair and beat them out of his lodging house.

Complaint was made to the police and Filimone arrested. Later the court suspended the payment of the fine with order being issued to Filimone hereafter to have the beds in proper condition for the slumber of his guests.

MORE U. S. MARINES LANDED AT HAITI

Washington, Aug. 19.—One company of American marines has landed at St. Marc, Haiti, and taken control of the town. An attempt to oppose the landing failed.

The Arabic sailed yesterday from Liverpool for New York. News of the sinking came to the White Star Line offices in this message:

"The Arabic was sunk this morning. Fifteen or sixteen boatloads are making for Queenstown."

No other direct word has been received, but from this message and from the number of boats making for Queenstown, officials deduce that the greater number of persons on board were rescued.

The company announced this afternoon that the Arabic carried 170 second and third class passengers, and no first class passengers. Her crew numbered 240.

White Star line officials were hopeful of the safety of passengers following the receipt, by telegraph companies, of private messages saying that most of those aboard the Arabic had been rescued.

Two steamers are reported to be making for Queenstown with survivors.

DYNAMITE FOUND IN HOLD  
The Arabic's tonnage is 15,801 gross and 10,062 net. She is 600 feet long, 65 feet beam and 47 feet in depth. She was built in Belfast in 1903 by Harland and Wolff.

On her last eastward trip the Arabic arrived in Liverpool on August 6 from New York.

Two sticks of dynamite were discovered on board the liner on July 27, the night before she sailed from New York for Liverpool.

Once before since the beginning of the war the Arabic had a close call.

Washington Reserves Comment  
Washington, Aug. 19.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon neither the American consul in the vicinity of Fastnet nor the embassy at London had reported the sinking of the Arabic and the state department had no official information. As in other cases, officials reserved their comment awaiting details and news whether any Americans had been lost.

FEAR BIG LOSS OF LIFE  
Queenstown, Aug. 19.—6:45 p. m.—It is now feared there was great loss of life on the Arabic.

### BRITISH DESTROYER AND SMALL CRUISER ARE SUNK IN BATTLE

Berlin, Aug. 19, Via Wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.—German torpedo boat destroyers have sunk a small British cruiser and a British destroyer by torpedoing them in an engagement of small craft off the west coasts of Jutland, the German Admiralty announced today.

The Admiralty announcement adds that in the naval airship raid on London Tuesday night important estates in the city and on the Thames were bombarded with good results.

Blast furnaces at Wodbridge and Ipswich also were bombarded the statement adds.

GORTON GALLOWAY, MISSING IN HARTFORD, IS OBJECT OF SEARCH

The local Charity Organization Society has been asked by the Hartford C. O. S. to try to locate a missing man named Gorton Galloway, whose wife and children are stranded without resources in the latter city. Any information concerning the man will be gratefully received at the Charity Organization Society office, Tel. 5258.

Gorton Galloway, the missing husband, was born in Hartford twenty-nine years ago and lived here up to the time when he was about 6 years old. Subsequently his parents returned to this city and moved away again, finally settling on a farm in New York state. He was married seven years ago in Delaware. His bride was

hardly more than a girl. They broke up housekeeping in Cornell, N. Y., about five months ago when Mr. Galloway found himself out of work.

ARMS CO. WANTS NO LICENSE NEAR SHOPS  
It is believed that the Remington Arms-U. M. C. Co. will oppose the granting or transfer of any liquor license to the vicinity of its new plants. The company has already filed a remonstrance against Matthew F. Mithal who desires to transfer a license from 115 North avenue to the hotel at Sullivan and Hallett streets. There was to have been a hearing on the transfer today but as members of the firm of Stoddard, Marsh and Day who represent the Arms company are out of the city the hearing was postponed indefinitely.